

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

MONTEREY, CA 93943

MINUTES OF THE 9 MARCH 2004 AREA COMMANDER'S QUALITY OF LIFE POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Mr. Thomas, Quality of Life Director, Naval Postgraduate School, opened the meeting at 0913 on Tuesday, 9 March 2004, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Mr. Thomas asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. Area Commander's Quality Of Life Policy Board Attendees

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3. COL Smarsh then asked for members to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

4. Old Business

a. Change paragraph 4.a. of the Area Commander's Quality of Life Policy Board Meeting Minutes of 9 December 2003 to read: LT Baker vice LCDR Lane.

5. New Business

a. Simon Lupton. Announced that the NEX gas station is now open 24 hours a day for credit card purchases.

b. AGCM Deicke. Asked if the board knows about and has done anything about the lack of Tricare providers on the Monterey Peninsula. The nearest OBGYN is in Salinas. It is a concern to my command service members.

CAPT Herron responded. We are aware of the lack of providers, specifically OBGYN providers. Salinas is in the contract area. The local providers met recently to develop a proposal to Health Net, and if it is accepted, they are confident the OBGYNs in Monterey would sign up. They are supposed to come back with a resolution by 15 April. I will provide more information as I receive it.

Pete Dausen added. Health Net had acquired more OBGYNs for the Monterey area. Health Net recently transitioned to Tri West, and some of the providers were not sure if they would

continue on the contract. This issue was brought up at one of the quarterly meetings that discuss regional health issues.

RDML Dunne commented. How does information get to the military spouses about what is being done to try to solve this problem?

Member responded. The Student Council representative and CAPT Herron have been relaying this information to the spouses.

CAPT Herron responded. Our communication is informal, and I think there should be a more formal way of communicating to them. I met with David Willard who is a representative of Health Net and related all the specific issues of our students to him. I am going to set up a town council meeting during the next month and bring the representatives in and invite students, staff and faculty that have issues so they can address them directly. I am also going to set a formal feedback on our new website with links to Tricare.

RDML Dunne commented. I think that we need to use the website as one source to announce what efforts are being undertaken to try to address the issue. It's going to take more than one method of communication, such as mass email. Between our medical staff and CAPT Herron, you need to take a look at how we communicate this issue to everybody.

CAPT Herron commented. The students get some initial information about local Tricare at the Orientation. We use that as one of the methods of communication.

c. JOC Martin. One way we are communicating quality of life issues and other current events is through our new electronic newsletter; first issue was in January. We are continuing to expand the information with each issue. In our most recent issue, we included a new calendar of events for the local area. We are also linking to the MWR Calendar. We are also working more closely with the local media to get more information out to the community, such as military retirees.

d. CAPT Judy Smith. Who do we contact for problems with the beverage vending machines on base?

Simon Lupton responded. Call the NEX for assistance with the vending machines; the number is on the machine. We can send a supervisor immediately and assist for minor problems. There is a weekly maintenance service that services the machines, and

we can call in more serious problems to them. Call us right away if you have any problems.

e. CAPT Herron

(1) New student/staff and faculty orientation is on 23 March at King Hall followed by an information fair in the La Novia Room.

(2) The Personnel Support Detachment Monterey will be moving to Fort Ord and will be closed on 17 March, and will open on 23 March at Fort Ord. PSA West has identified a CAAC card machine for us to use in our Student Services Office. Anticipate that it will be set up before the move so we can issue ID cards. The requirement for the PKI authentication has been moved from 1 April to 1 October. A full-time PSD Liaison representative will be located in the Student Services Office to do all our transactions.

f. Pete Dausen

(1) RCI construction is moving ahead. We had a change recently in our plans. We originally were designing the community center at La Mesa Village to hold chapel activities, so it would be a chapel in addition to a community center along with a family pool. However, due to future manning for the NPS Religious Services, we will no longer be designing a chapel at La Mesa Village and will reconvert the center to a full-scale community center with recreation activities.

(2) Construction of Café Del Monte is progressing and we expect the grand opening at end of month. The café will provide food and coffee services.

(3) MWR will be catering the upcoming annual dinner for the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. Many local fine restaurant professionals will be attending this event.

(4) We may be seeing future budget cuts in MWR. We had a 28% budget cut in appropriated funding last year for this year when we were under NETC. Now we are under the region, and the region is getting hit with a 37% cut in NAF. We are not sure yet how it will affect us.

g. Jim Thomas

(1) Easter Brunch will be held on 11 April in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom. Make reservations early.

(2) We recently painted the La Novia Room and Terrace. We will be replacing the table lamps with floor lamps, and to improve lighting in support conferences, we will add additional lighting.

(3) El Prado Dining Room renovation has been delayed until the months of October through December 2004. We will be redesigning the food service and dining areas. Also, we will restore the artwork at the end of the room that is now covered with tile. Renovation will include painting, replacing the carpeting, furniture and lighting.

(4) Del Monte Café. We are putting up a façade to hide the air conditioning. We will be setting up umbrella tables outside of the café and library plaza once the landscaping in front of the library is complete.

(5) In order to reduce expenditures due to our budget cuts, we are issuing the Peacock Press bi-monthly instead of monthly. Our website, which is well maintained and current, advertises all of our programs and activities at www.mwr.nps.navy.mil.

h. COL Smarsh. Discussed assimilation of NPS under regionalization. The army has also regionalized the base operating support of the Presidio of Monterey DLI. We are working on the restructuring of our mission side to satisfy the region's chain of command.

Funding Shortage. The region provided us with additional money to take care of needed maintenance around the base for the remainder of the year.

Perimeter Fencing and Del Monte Gate Construction. Project is progressing and near completion. New Pass and ID Office will be located in the recently renovated area of the rear of the post office.

i. Pete Dausen. The NPS Parking Committee is making every effort to ensure that there is a constant amount of adequate parking available during the on-going construction projects. We are working on a diagonal parking solution along Del Monte Lake. Some more parking has been recreated at the gas station where the former pumps were located. We are looking at some other areas that we can reconfigure in order to increase parking. The next bi-weekly Parking Committee will meet on Thursday, 18 March, from 0830 to 0945 in Ingersol Hall, Room 251.

j. COL Smarsh. A community access plan for the base that would allow more access by community residents is being developed. It is a region initiative, but still will need to be approved by the admiral before it is finalized.

Vehicle DOD Decals. In order to stay in compliance with base requirements, gate personnel are checking all vehicles for current DOD decals.

k. LCDR Lane. Discussed the Preventative Health Assessment (PHA) for Navy and Marine Corps military personnel. We've completed FNOC and the Marine Corps unit at the Presidio of Monterey. We are planning to come to NPS in two weeks. We are working with Petty Officer Parker to secure a large area for conducting the interviews with the Navy and Marine Corps staff and students. Tentative dates for staff and faculty are 23 - 26 March. Assessments include interviewing members, drawing blood, checking blood pressure, screening records, and giving immunization shots.

1. LCDR Nemec

(1) We have a decrease in casualties available. Waiting time for new recruits to obtain seats for language training has been reduced from six months to about a month.

(2) DLI is anticipating a gap between when the National Guard members leave and the contract guards are ready. We are going to be using some of our casualties to specifically provide support for 60 days.

(3) One of the concerns that our officer students raised during a Mission Capability Assessment in October 2003 was in regards to housing. The problem was that when they first arrived in Monterey, they were running into some difficulties staying at the NPS BOQ because they have a DLI UIC. So they were turned away for temporary billeting at NPS.

Pete Dausen replied. I will work with you on this issue.

m. COL Smarsh. Reminded everyone that a team from the Office of the Naval Inspector General will be at NPS this week.

6. Miscellaneous

a. None.

7. Closing Remarks. Mr. Thomas thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1006. The next Quality of Life Policy Board meeting is scheduled for 0900, Tuesday, 8 June 2004, in the La Novia Room, NPS.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAVID A. SMARSH', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

DAVID A. SMARSH
Chief of Staff

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